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#### TORPEDOING OF THE LUSITANIA

The launching by the Cunard Steamship Company seven or eight years ago of the Lusitania, a passenger steamship which eclipsed in size and luxuriousness the historic Great Eastern of ante bellum days, caused natural pride in the heart of every Briton. When placed in service between New York and Liverpool she proved to be the greyhound of the Atlantic and was greatly patronized. Her commander, Captain Turner, is one of the most experienced navigators in the employ of the company. Following the watchword of the management, "Safety first," no mishap occurred to the steamer until yesterday afternoon as she was close to the Irish coast, when torpedoes from German submarines sent the giant craft to the bottom of St. George's channel. It is feared that fifteen hundred persons perished.

The destruction of the Lusitania has sent a thrill of horror throughout the civilized world, while the people of England are exasperated beyond measure and a great impetus has been given to recruiting in consequence. The Cunard Line has been naturally the pride of Great Britain, and an enemy which has the temerity to attack one of those steamers will not be forgiven either in this day or that which is to come. The act makes it war to the knife from now on.

The Cunard Line was established in the beginning of the forties, and only on one other occasion has human life been lost on these steamers until yesterday. Several years ago a huge wave boarded the steamer Lucania and swept several stowaway passengers into the sea. The disaster yesterday was through no fault of those having charge of the steamer.

The ticket furnished passengers on a Cunard steamer is as large as a sheet of foolscap paper. The purchaser signs his name, giving his age, occupation and native place. He subscribes to an agreement that he will not hold the company responsible for loss from acts of heaven or the king's enemies. The disaster yesterday was caused by the king's enemies after the steamer had braved the elements and safely passed across the ocean.

Captain Turner after one of his first trips to America in 1907 was being complimented upon his skill in handling the giant ship. He said, "My main thought after having left either end is, Will I get there?" He got nearly there yesterday afternoon, when the noble ship listed heavily, and in fifteen minutes' time the waters of St. George's Channel closed over her with many of her passengers, who were at lunch at the time of the torpedoing of the steamer.

The sinking of the Lusitania, filled as she was with non-combatants, has sent up a cry of horror throughout the world, and many people in the United States take the procedure as a casus belli. There is much intemperate talk indulged in and street fights between Germans and Anglo-Saxons in the larger cities are reported. The good book says, "In your patience possess ye your souls." Those at the head of the government of the United States will handle this delicate situation in a proper manner.

During the war between the States Raphael Semmes was commander at times of the Confederate steamers Sumter and Alabama. In his interesting book, "Four Years Afloat," he tells of his many adventures in dodging United States cruisers and capturing and burning ships belonging to the northern section of the country. He was termed the pirate Semmes by his enemies; although there was nothing in his acts to justify this name. In every instance he gave passengers or crews of steam or sailing vessels he intercepted abundance of time to leave their vessels and be placed on his before the torch was applied. On most occasions he saw them safe on other ships before he proceeded to the work of destruction. One Sunday morning he halted the Pacific Mail Steamship Company's steamer Ariel in the Caribbean Sea. The Al-

abama was flying the British flag and the Ariel unsuspectingly drew near. The Confederate flag in almost less time than it takes to tell it took the place of the British colors when a solid shot was sent across the bow of the Ariel. The latter started to run from the scene, but another shot, this time near the smoke stack, caused her huge paddle wheels to stand still. A shriek of terror went up from a number of females who were on deck and there was great consternation among all aboard. Semmes kept by the Ariel all day in hopes some other American vessel would come along so he could transfer the passengers and crew. None coming, he was forced to libel the steamer—that is she was to be delivered to the Confederate government at the end of the war should the south gain her independence.

Another incident where similar procedures were followed, and one in which Alexandrians figured, can be mentioned. While the civil war was in progress the Confederate steamer Florida, Captain Moffitt, captured the New York and Aspinwall mail steamer Electric Spark a short distance north of the Virginia capes. The Electric Spark was in charge of Captain Graham, of this city, and his son, Henry Graham, was aboard. Captain W. C. Geoghegan, who until recently commanded steamers running between Alexandria and Baltimore, was also on the Electric Spark. The captain of the Florida transferred passengers and crew from the mail steamer before destroying her. He later placed them aboard a vessel he encountered which was bound for a northern port, and all reached home in safety.

#### NEWS OF THE DAY

Two more British steamers have been added to the list of vessels sunk by German submarines, the destruction of both vessels being unattended with loss of life. They are the Candide and the Centurion.

Four persons are reported killed in Marlboro county, S. C., and the business center of Manning, in the adjoining county, is said to have been severely damaged by a tornado late yesterday.

Former Premier Venizelos, who was forced out of the Greek government because of his insistence that Greece should enter the war on the side of the allies, has been recalled to Athens by King Constantine.

A dispatch was received in Copenhagen yesterday evening from Petrograd reporting that an official announcement had been given there to the effect that a naval battle has been fought in the Baltic near Libau between German and Russian warships.

After killing a woman who was riding with him in an automobile in Baltimore late last night, Dr. C. V. Ruen, about 28 years old, of the Naval Medical School, Washington, took his own life. Dr. Ruen had no family, but one brother, Samuel B. Ruen, of Baltimore.

Lester Poust, 28 years old, and Charles Holes, 32, are dead, and Cecilia Sowers is believed to be dying as a result of a shooting and suicide at Jersey Shore, Pa., yesterday. The tragedy took place when Poust fired Miss Sowers and Holes together. He shot both and then turned the weapon upon himself.

Running in a 220 yard dash at the Middletown High School, Frederick, Md., yesterday afternoon, Leslie Reimsberg, aged 18, a pupil of the school, fell to the ground and died almost instantly. Death was due to a ruptured blood vessel. He was the son of George Reimsberg, a Middletown Valley farmer.

A unanimous verdict in favor of the defendants in the Campbell will case was returned by the jury in St. Louis Thursday night. The verdict declares that Lois Campbell, now Mrs. Elzy Burkham, to be the daughter of James Campbell, and, therefore, entitled to half of his \$16,000,000 estate, willed her by Campbell.

Storms general over large sections of Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama late Thursday and early yesterday resulted in 30 deaths, the injury of at least three-score persons and heavy property damage. With one exception all those killed were negroes. High winds did \$100,000 damage in Birmingham, Ala., and in country sections of the three states many houses were demolished. Estimates placed the property loss there at \$500,000.

A charge of dynamite was exploded on the front porch of the rectory of Our Mother of Consolation Polish Catholic Church at Mount Carmel, Pa., a few nights ago. The porch

was blown down and the rectory and the church adjoining were badly wrecked. Doors were blown off the hinges and practically every window in the church, the largest in the town, was shattered. Father Retka, the rector, was asleep in the building, but escaped injury, as did other inmates of the home. For several months Father Retka has been admonishing his parishioners to be more liberal in donations.

#### VIRGINIA NEWS

Failing to break away from the laudanum habit, Mrs. Fannie Tucker, aged 38 years, stood yesterday in front of a fast Southern train on a bridge at Lynchburg and was killed. Letters found in her room show the woman's act was premeditated. She recently filed a suit for divorce from her husband, whose whereabouts are unknown.

The fire which Thursday night did \$100,000 damage at the Holland-Lee storage warehouse in Suffolk broke through the fire walls yesterday morning and destroyed the second section of the large peanut plant. The additional damage is placed at \$100,000, making a total loss of \$200,000. The fire companies apparently were helpless and Norfolk was called on for help which was given.

Louis McMahon, managing editor of the Richmond News Leader, and William B. Smith, city editor of the Times Dispatch were arrested this week on warrants charging criminal libel, sworn out by James Lafew. The charge sworn out accounts printed in the two newspapers of Lafew's dismissal from a local military company. The newspaper men were released on \$50 bond each pending their hearing on Monday.

William Moffatt, a young Winchester importer, was among those who sailed on the Lusitania. He was called to his old home at Manchester, England, to attend the funeral of his father, John Moffatt, who died two weeks ago, while making arrangements to sail for this country to visit his sons here. Mr. Moffatt sent a message from New York to relations here saying that practically no attention had been paid by Lusitania passengers and crew to the German Embassy's warnings, and that he would take any risk to see his father's body, which had been embalmed and placed in a vault pending his arrival.

#### CHINA'S COMPLIANCE

War Between Mongolian Nations is Averted.

Peking, May 8.—The attaches of the foreign office were at work all night translating Japan's ultimatum, which was presented to the foreign office yesterday afternoon, and drafting the terms of China's compliance with the demands, which will be submitted to Yuan Shi Kai and the State Council this morning at 10 o'clock. The reply will be delivered to M. Hiroki, the Japanese Minister, this evening or Sunday morning.

Letter From Rev. S. A. Wallis, D. D. To the Editor of the Fairfax Herald.—My dear Sir:—While during my residence of thirty-four years as a Christian minister in Fairfax county it has been my constant practice to refrain from any public reference to county, State or Federal offices, because I firmly believe it is neither wise nor proper for clergymen to express any choice between man and man, or enter into the discussion of political issues in the newspapers, still I feel it is incumbent upon any man, be he clergyman or layman, to defend a friend from any rumors or reports that may reflect upon his character, and thereby injure his reputation.

It has come to my knowledge in a general way, that such rumors are being circulated with reference to my friend, Mr. George K. Pickett, a candidate for the office of county treasurer (subject to the decision of the Democratic primary) in succession to my old and valued friend, Mr. Robert Wiley, who, I regret to say, considers himself obliged to resign that office, on account of increasing years. I have known Mr. Pickett for some years past, and during that time he has stood high in the estimate of his friends, as a man of high character, sober in his habits, and opposed to the use of strong drink. He is a consistent member of the Baptist services. He is also interested in the work of the Episcopal mission at Groveton, Fairfax county, near his home, where he also regularly attends the night services, and is esteemed by the students ministering there. He is worthy of the support of his friends on the ground of character, and should he be elected, he will meet their expectations of him.

Samuel A. Wallis, Professor at the Episcopal Seminary, Fairfax, Co., Va.

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#### PUBLIC SALE

R. F. Knox, Auctioneer.

Pursuant to a decree of the Corporation Court of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, entered in the Chancery cause wherein Frederick G. Cowie, et al., are plaintiffs and Towles-Schofield Company, Incorporated, et al., are defendants, the undersigned will sell, at public auction, at the Fairfax Street Front of the Court House, Alexandria, Virginia, at 11 o'clock A. M., on Saturday, May 14th, 1915.

A valuable patent for a smokeless flashlight for photographic machines, issued January 13th, 1910, No. 945, 342.

Patent for improvement on same issued January 26th, 1915, No. 1121177. Pending patent on cartridges for use in above machine. Renewal of No. 649 141, upon which \$200.00 will have to be paid when issued.

A number of flash light cameras, and cases, and tripods, Lot of Furniture, chairs, desks, file cases, etc. One 3 H. P. motor. One large power stamping press. Two foot power punching machines. One Shaper, 15 in. stroke, with vice and counter-shaft. One 11x6 screw cutting lathe with countershaft and chuck. One smaller screw cutting lathe complete. One 14 inch. power drill press, and other machinery, L. C. Smith Type, writer and Chair and a number of other articles. All but little used.

Property may be seen before sale and offers submitted. Terms cash.

J. K. M. Norton, Attorney.

123 S. Fairfax Street.

Frederick P. Russell, Receiver

117 N. Fairfax Street

I do certify that the bond required of the Receiver by the decree of sale was given.

Novell S. Greenaway.

Clerk of the Corporation Court of

WONDER OIL.—One quart equal 40 gallons gasoline. For sample and full particulars apply to D. C. Abel, Quantico, Va.

LOST Automobile license and tail lamp, between Washington and Alexandria. Return to Gazette of office and receive reward.

#### By R. F. Knox, Auctioneer

Pursuant to the terms of a decree entered by the Corporation Court of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, on the 20th day of April, 1915, in a certain Chancery cause therein depending, wherein Harriet Etta Beandler is Complainant and Rachael Jeannette Beandler, widow, et al., are the Defendants, the undersigned who was by the terms of the said decree appointed Special Commissioner for the purpose, will offer for sale at public auction in front of the Royal Street entrance to the Market Building on Monday the 10th day of May 1915 at 12 o'clock noon, all that lot of ground with the improvements thereon in the said City of Alexandria, Virginia, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point on the east line of St. Asaph street 25 feet south of St. Asaph street 15 feet north of Gibbon street, and running thence south parallel to Gibbon street 113 feet 5 inches to a point 10 feet from the middle of the square; thence north, parallel to St. Asaph street 18 feet and thence west parallel to Gibbon street to the beginning, together with all appurtenances to the same belonging or in any wise appertaining, which property was conveyed to Philip Henry Beandler, deceased, by Henry Arnold and wife by deed dated the eighth day of March, 1895, and duly recorded amongst the land records of the said City of Alexandria, Virginia, in Deed Book No. 29, at page 233.

Terms of Sale: Cash, conveyance at cost of purchaser.

H. NOEL GARNER.

Special Commissioner of sale.

1. Novell S. Greenaway, Clerk of the Corporation Court of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, do hereby certify that the bond required by the above mentioned decree has been duly given.

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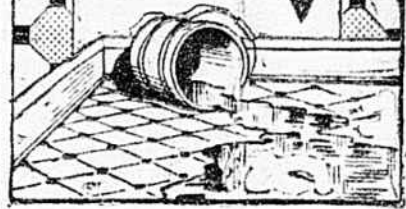
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By virtue of a deed of trust made by Susan P. A. Calvert and George W. Calvert, her husband to the undersigned Trustees, bearing date on the 21st day of July 1905 and recorded in deed book No. 54, page 116, in the land records of Alexandria City, Virginia, and deed book 112, page 192 in the land records of Alexandria County, Virginia, default having been made in the payment of the interest due on the indebtedness so secured, the undersigned Trustees at the request of the holder of the note secured by the said deed of trust, will offer for sale at public auction, in front of the Market house, in Alexandria City, SATURDAY, MAY 22nd, 1915 at 12 o'clock M. the following described lots of ground with improvements thereon and fifteen acres of land unimproved.

FIRST—All that lot of ground with buildings thereon, in the City of Alexandria, situated on the north side of Duke Street between Payne and West Streets, and bounded as follows: Beginning on the north side of Duke street at the west side of the two story brick dwelling No. 1221 Duke street, at a point supposed to be 98 feet west of Payne street, and running thence west on Duke street 25 feet, 5 inches to the west wall of the three story brick dwelling on the lot of ground hereby conveyed, thence north parallel with Payne street 100 feet to a 16 feet alley, thence east on said alley 25 feet 5 inches, and thence south in a direct line 100 feet to the point of beginning, with all appurtenances thereto belonging.

SECOND—All that lot of ground with buildings thereon, in the City of Alexandria, Virginia, bounded as follows: Beginning at the intersection of the north side of Duke street with the west side of Payne street, and running thence west on Duke street 58 feet, thence north parallel with Payne street 100 feet to a 16 feet alley, thence east on said alley 25 feet to Payne Street, and thence south on Payne street 100 feet to the beginning, with all appurtenances thereto belonging.

Above property better known as Nos. 1201, 2, 5, 7, 9, 11, Duke street.

THIRD—All that certain tract of land, containing 21 1/2 acres designated as No. 5 on the plat annexed to the deed of partition between Thomas W. Swann and Helen M. Swann his wife and Hampton C. Williams and Frances A. Williams his wife, and others, recorded in Liber Z No. 3, page 51, one of the land records of Alexandria County, Virginia, and being the property inherited by the said Susan P. A. Calvert from her mother the late Helen M. Swann, and lying on the north side of the Leesburg road and on the east side of what is known as Mt. Vernon Avenue, in Alexandria County, Virginia except that portion of the said tract of land conveyed by the said Susan P. A. Calvert and her husband to the Washington Southern Railway Company, leaving about 15 acres of said lot and including also two acres purchased by the said Susan P. A. Calvert from Mrs. Alexander Chapman Williams, making in all about 15 acres.

The said land being now occupied by Schatters greenhouse under a lease.

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